

**COMMUNITY AND IN-HOME OPTIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE
FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED (CHOICE)
Board Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2008**

**Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 4
402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204**

CHOICE Board Members in Attendance: Blake Jackson, Pete Emigh, Glenda Russell, Prudence Twigg, Noble Stallons, Nick Petrone

CHOICE Board Members Absent: Bill Boothe, Thomas Williamson, Senator Vaneta Becker, Senator Jean Breaux, Linda Stephan, Representative David Frizzell, Representative Peggy Welch

Visitors in Attendance: June Holt, Ruth Ratzlaff, Becky Koors, Becky Carter, John Cardwell, Celeste Stinson, Jade Luchauer, Anne Dennis, Megan Ornellas, Karen Filler

Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson Blake Jackson brought the meeting to order.

Division of Aging Update: Division of Aging Director Megan Ornellas provided an update on Senate Bill 315, increasing number of Medicaid clients utilizing community based settings instead of nursing homes, CHOICE waiting list decreases, and the Aged and Disabled Waiver renewal. She shared that the next Quarterly Financial Review is scheduled for April 28th and invited all stakeholders to attend.

Jade Luchauer, Assistant Director for CHOICE and AoA Administration, gave an overview of the CHOICE waitlist that is presented to the General Assembly every quarter. As of March 15th the waitlist decreased to 4,163 people, which represented a drop of 58% since July 2006. Area 12 currently has no waitlist and Area 9 has only ten people waiting for services. Blake requested the Division of Aging prepare a CHOICE case study to present at the next meeting.

Jade reported that nothing has changed on the current Board vacancies and reviewed the process of how someone is appointed to fill a vacancy. She invited the Board and audience to contact her with the name of anyone who may be interested in being on the CHOICE Board and she will provide an application to submit to the Governor.

Jade reported that currently there are 54 Adult Day Service providers, 93 Adult Foster Care providers, and 52 Assisted Living providers. Blake asked about the current number of CHOICE providers and Jade said she would include that information for the next meeting. Blake also requested she include the total number of people served.

Jade said that the Division of Aging has copies of the Annual Report and if anyone would like a copy, please contact her.

Blake motioned for approval of minutes, as the Board had a quorum. Pete seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the past three meetings: September 20, November 15, and January 17. Blake recommended the Board elect a Chair and Vice Chair. Prudence motioned for Blake to continue in the role of Chair and Pete seconded. The Board unanimously approved. Pete motioned for Prudence to be Vice Chair and was seconded by Noble, with unanimous approval of the Board.

Anne Dennis, Assistant Director of Planning and Analysis, reviewed the AdvantAge Initiative Survey, which is part of a planning grant provided by the Administration on Aging. Anne said they are hoping to find out how aging-friendly a community is and the findings will be used for strategic planning purposes as well.

New Business: John Cardwell presented information to the CHOICE Board. Prudence said she would appreciate the opportunity to review the report before asking questions and John Cardwell was invited to return to the next meeting.

John said that over a year ago, many potential names were submitted to fill the vacant spots on the CHOICE Board, but no feedback was received. Megan and Prudence asked John to resubmit the names to the Division of Aging. Megan gave Jade's business card to John and asked him to send her the names.

There were no public comments.

Blake told the Board that if they have anything they would like put on the agenda for the next meeting, please let him know.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded with unanimous approval from the Board.